GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR ALLOY STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of alloy steel is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has not provided adequate funds to Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur for procuring raw materials and to meet the other requirements;

(d) if so, the reason therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

a) There has been an increasing trend in the demand of Alloy Steel in the country during the last few years.

b) The domestic apparent consumption is being considered analogous to demand. The production for sale, exports, imports and consumption of Alloy Steel since 2002-03 is given below:

(`000 tonnes)

Years	Production for Sale	Exports	Imports	Apparent Consumption	%Growth of Apparent Consumption
2002-03	1756	11	153	1780	
2003-04	2125	372	213	1950	9.55
2004-05	2195	324	184	1988	1.95
2005-06	2176	323	455	2248	13.08
2006-07	2333	349	491	2455	9.21
2007-08 (Prov.)	2510	450	480	2500	1.83

c) The Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur, of the Steel Authority of India Limited has adequate funds for procuring raw materials and to meet other requirements.

(d)&(e): Does not arise in view of (c) above.